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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 9/3/2003, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-4 under 35USC 102(b) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of newly found prior art references set forth below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

- 2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:
 - (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shi (US 6,083,634) in view of Shi et al. (US 5,755,999).

Shi ('634) discloses a new class of organometallic complexes for use in EL devices. The organometallic complexes has the same ligand as the claimed formula (I) (Col. 4, lines 1-67).

With respect to claims 2-3, Shi discloses the organic emissive layer in the EL device is formed of at least one organometallic complex (Col. 4, lines 1-5).

Shi ('634) discloses M2 is divalent or trivalent metal. Shi does not disclose that the metal M2 can be monovalent or tetravalent.

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Shi ('999) teaches that organometallic complexes use in organic EL devices (Col. 34, lines 44-67). The metal used can be monovalent, divalent, or trivalent such as Li, Na, K (Col. 35, lines 1-5).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to substitute monovalent, trivalent metal or even tetravalent metal with divalent metal in Shi's ('634) organometallic complexes. Because these metals are conventionally employed in the art for metal chelated compounds, as also taught by Shi ('999). These metals complexes are similar compounds which contain the same ligand structure. It would have been obvious for one skilled in the art to substitute one for the other among these metals with expectation that similar compounds would have similar properties.

It is noted that claim 4 is a product-by-process claim. Product-by-process claims are not limited to the manipulations of the recited steps, only the structure implied by the steps (MPEP 2113). "[E]ven though product – by process claims are limited by and defined by the process, determination of patentability is based on the product itself. The patentability of a product does not depend on its method of production. If the product in the product-by-process claim is the same as or obvious from a product of the prior art, the claim is unpatentable even though the prior product was made by a different process." In re Thorpe, 227 USPQ 964, 966.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ling X. Xu whose telephone number is 703-305-0395. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 - 4:30 Monday - Friday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Deborah D. Jones can be reached on 703-308-3822. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0661.

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